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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. Our first running of the condensed "Saturday Special" briefings (Americans Abroad Orientations) will take place on the 17th and will have 12 registrants for Western Europe and about 4 for Latin America. One earlier offering in the fall was cancelled because advance publicity was meagre and the minimum of 10 enrollees was not met. "Volunteers" to help are to include [] of OCI, and at least one recent returnee from Western Europe, as well as one of our technicians. In view of the sacrifices of time and expense (e.g., opening Quarters Eye), it is especially regrettable that WE reports no "takers" among dependents going to the field. ✓

25X1 2. Attendance in the full Americans Abroad [] is averaging about 20 this week. [] kicked off with a highly effective introduction to some of the problems of Americans abroad, and [] gave a tightly wrapped package of orientation and sound advice on [] [] expects to provide his usual welcome assistance to [] on the color slide showing. ✓

25X1 3. Organizational meeting of half of the enrollees in our first Current Problems Seminar was held on the 13th. This "section" of the group, concentrating on the impact of nuclear weapons strategy on Free Europe, was divided into two panels, whose topics for later oral presentation were agreed upon. We are awaiting results from the DD/I, who is to see [] Jr., in New York this week, as a potential guest specialist for the sessions dealing with the nuclear theme. Our program for the other major theme, concerned with European unification, is set. [] Foundation, who will lead off, tells us he will also speak on this theme soon in the Town Hall lecture series and before the National War College. [] is committed for the follow-up lecture. 25X1

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4. [] is initiating plans for a new senior staff seminar to be offered in the late spring or early summer. This Current Problems Seminar will concern itself with the Afro-Asian Movement and its significance for the United States. A detailed announcement will be soon forthcoming. It is planned to handle the seminar along lines similar to [] forthcoming "Current Problems of Free Europe."

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